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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

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LC Johnson

(Enter above the full name  
of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in  
this action)

vs.

08CV4684

☐ JUDGE NORGLER  
☐ MAG. DENLOW

Terry McCann

Venita Wright

Philip Michel

Samuel Nance

Keenan Young

Tammy Garcia

(Enter above the full name of ALL  
defendants in this action. Do not  
use "et al.")

## CHECK ONE ONLY:

☒COMPLAINT UNDER THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, TITLE 42 SECTION 1983  
U.S. Code (state, county, or municipal defendants)☐COMPLAINT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION ("BIVENS" ACTION), TITLE  
28 SECTION 1331 U.S. Code (federal defendants)☐

OTHER (cite statute, if known)

**BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS COMPLAINT, PLEASE REFER TO "INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
FILING." FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

**I. Plaintiff(s):**

- A. Name: LC JOHNSON
- B. List all aliases: Eric Preston
- C. Prisoner identification number: #N92369
- D. Place of present confinement: Hill Correctional Center
- E. Address: P.O. Box 1700 Galesburg IL 61402-1700

(If there is more than one plaintiff, then each plaintiff must list his or her name, aliases, I.D. number, and current address according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

**II. Defendant(s):**

(In A below, place the full name of the first defendant in the first blank, his or her official position in the second blank, and his or her place of employment in the third blank. Space for two additional defendants is provided in B and C.)

- A. Defendant: Terry McCann  
 Title: Warden  
 Place of Employment: N.R.C. Stateville
- B. Defendant: Venita Wright  
 Title: Assistant Warden  
 Place of Employment: NRC Stateville
- C. Defendant: Philip Michel  
 Title: Lieutenant  
 Place of Employment: N.R.C. Stateville

(If you have more than three defendants, then all additional defendants must be listed according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

## II. Defendant(s):

D. Defendant: SAMUEL NANCE

Title: Lieutenant

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

E. Defendant: KEENAN Young

Title: Lieutenant

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

F. Defendant: TAMMY GARCIA

Title: GRIEVANCE officer

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

G. Defendant: DAVID MANFIELD

Title: Counselor

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

H. Defendant: MARK HOSEY

Title: Superintendent

Place of Employment: NRC Stateville

### III. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies

You are required to exhaust all your available administrative remedies before bringing an action in federal court.

A. Is there a grievance procedure available at your institution?

YES (✓) NO ( ) If there is no grievance procedure, skip to F.

B. Have you filed a grievance concerning the facts in this complaint?

YES (✓) NO ( )

C. If your answer is YES:

1. What steps did you take?

I filed A emergency grievance, TAMMY GARCIA  
Stated it was Not A emergency. And was told by  
TAMMY GARCIA, to discuss it with my COUNSELOR (EXHIBIT. E)

2. What was the result?

I gave the grievance to Counselor David  
MANFIELD; I receive A memo from Counselor  
David MANFIELD (EXHIBIT. F)

3. If the grievance was not resolved to your satisfaction, did you appeal? What was the result (if there was no procedure for appeal, so state.)

N.R.C Stateville Hearing Board and grievance  
System is inadequate. I ASK Counselor  
David MANFIELD to help me Appeal he sent

D. If your answer is NO, explain why not:

Me A Orientation MAN-  
UAL with No instruction. I sent my Appeal  
to Springfield (Administration Review Board (EXHIBIT. G))

- E. Is the grievance procedure now completed? YES (✓) NO ( )
- F. If there is no grievance procedure in the institution, did you complain to authorities?  
YES ( ) NO ( )
- G. If your answer is YES:
1. What steps did you take?
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2. What was the result?
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- H. If your answer is NO, explain why not:
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**IV. List ALL lawsuits you (and your co-plaintiffs, if any) have filed in any state or federal court (including the Central and Southern Districts of Illinois):**

- A. Name of case and docket number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- B. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. List all plaintiffs (if you had co-plaintiffs), including any aliases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. List all defendants: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Court in which the lawsuit was filed (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county): \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Name of judge to whom case was assigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- G. Basic claim made: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- H. Disposition of this case (for example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I. Approximate date of disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU HAVE FILED MORE THAN ONE LAWSUIT, THEN YOU MUST DESCRIBE THE ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS ON ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER, USING THIS SAME FORMAT. REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY CASES YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED, YOU WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FROM FILLING OUT THIS SECTION COMPLETELY, AND FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF YOUR CASE. CO-PLAINTIFFS MUST ALSO LIST ALL CASES THEY HAVE FILED.**

# **V. Statement of Claim:**

State here as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe precisely how each defendant is involved. Include also the names of other persons involved, dates, and places. Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. (Use as much space as you need. Attach extra sheets if necessary.)

- ① Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 deprived Plaintiff LC Johnson of, freedom of religion AND equal protection Which violated Plaintiff free exercise clause AND equal protection clause, under the first AND fourteenth Amendment. Plaintiff is a Rastafarian  
ON MAY-22-2007 Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 came to Plaintiff cell #RW-III at N.R.C. Stateville Correctional Center at 900am  
Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 ask Plaintiff LC Johnson have anybody talk to you about your hair. Plaintiff said yes CO Defendant Superintendent Mark Hosey ON April-30-2007 Plaintiff told Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516  
Plaintiff LC Johnson explained to Defendant Philip Michel #2516, dread locks was a part of his religious tenet AND apart of his spiritual growth (EXHIBIT.K) AND (EXHIBIT.L) Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 stated I'm giving you a

direct order to cut your hair Plaintiff LC Johnson stated I cant cut my hair my hair is a vow to God. Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel #2516 stated turn around and cuff up your going to Segregation.

Upon information and belief, there was a inmate with dreadlocks at Stateville Correctional Center from April-10-2002 to June-19-2007 name Adama Njie #R11748. Never approached by the Administration at Stateville he was transferred with his dreadlocks. Affidavit (EXHIBIT I)

Upon information and belief a inmate in the same cell #RW-III. Elie Bernal #R60980 had hair to his waist. He was transferred to Logan Correctional Center, with hair intact

- ② Defendant Lieutenant Samuel Nance #2518 deprived Plaintiff LC Johnson of freedom of Religion and equal protection which violated Plaintiff free exercise clause and equal protection clause under the first and fourteenth amendment.



ON May-24-2007 Defendant Lieutenant Samuel Nance #2518 came to Plaintiff Segregation Cell # RA-308 at NRC Stateville at 7:05am Defendant Lieutenant Samuel Nance stated I'm giving you a direct order to cut your hair. Plaintiff LC Johnson stated his dread locks are a vow to God (EXHibit.K)

Defendant Lieutenant Samuel Nance #2518 said fine and walked away later that day Plaintiff received a disciplinary report offense 403 disobeying a direct order (EXHibit.B)

- ③ Defendant Superintendent Mark Hosey deprived Plaintiff LC Johnson of freedom of Religion and equal protection which violated Plaintiff free exercise clause and equal protection under the first and fourteenth Amendment

ON May-25-2007 Defendant Superintendent Mark Hosey stated I'm going home for the holiday and barbecue Defendant stated when he come back if Plaintiff dont comply and get his hair-cut Defendant would call a tactical team and use force.

After Defendant Superintendent Mark Hosey left Plaintiff Segregation Cell-108 Plaintiff immediately file A emergency Grievance. Explaining his religion (Rastafarian) And that his dread locks was a vow to God. Plaintiff mention, that the Administration at NRC Stateville was Violating his first, Eight and fourteenth Amendment. (EXHIBT. C)

- ④ Defendants Assistant Warden (Venita Wright) Warden (Terry McCann) Superintendent (Mark Hosey) Lieutenant (Keena Young) And Lieutenant (Philip Michel) deprived Plaintiff L.C. Johnson of, freedom of religion, Due process, Cruel and unusual punishment And equal protection. Which violated free exercise clause And equal protection clause. Under the first, Eight and fourteenth Amendment.

On May-29-2007 Defendant Superintendant Mark Hosey And Assistant Warden Venita Wright was the first to arrive At Plaintiff Cell that morning

Defendant Superintendent Mark Hosey  
 Stated you have ten minutes, before I call  
 the tactical team so what's it gonna  
 be? Plaintiff stated; I filed a emergency  
 grievance dont I get to hear the results.  
 That's when Defendant Lieutenant Keenan  
 Young approached Plaintiff and stated,  
 they dont have the right to cut your hair  
 but the tactical team will use force if  
 you dont comply and you will be charged  
 with an assault. Plaintiff was scared and  
 nerves, Plaintiff suffers from hypertension  
 and asthma. Plaintiff was handcuffed and  
 escorted by Defendant Lieutenant Philip Michel.  
 Defendant Assistant Warden Venita Wright  
 stated to Plaintiff, if Defendant Warden  
 Terry McCann agree to let you send  
 your hair home for religious reason  
 would you want to? Plaintiff stated  
 yes. Plaintiff has, Request for Payment  
 of Postage receipt. (EXHIBIT D)

- 5 Upon information and belief, Plaintiff was brought to the Hearing Board in handcuffs with JERMAINE WALKER #B52757 their dreadlocks had been demolished. Plaintiff was given a improper and defective hearing. There was no Civilians or Administrative Staff on the Hearing Board. The Hearing Board was conducted by two regular Correctional officers.
- 6 Upon information and belief, Plaintiff received his grievance back (JUNE-1-2007). Stating it was not a emergency. Defendant Warden TERRY - MCCANN sign the bottom (EXHIBIT C). A memo was attach from Defendant TAMMY GARCIA stating; Issue need to be discussed with your Counselor. Plaintiff gave grievance to Defendant DAVID MANFIELD. Defendant gave the grievance back to the Grievance Office (EXHIBIT F). The grievance system is inadequate.
- 7 Upon information and belief Plaintiff was transfer to MENARD Segregation Unit AND then transferred back to Stateville Segregation Unit his dreadlocks grew back AND once he was discharged from Segregation

CONCLUSION

ON (Nov-22-2007) Plaintiff was put in for  
A transfer to Hill Correctional Center  
he WAS NEVER APPROACHED ABOUT his dreadlocks  
AND he WAS TRANSFERED WITH his dreadlocks  
INTACT. Plaintiff CANT UNDERSTAND WHY he  
WAS PERSECUTED AND CRUCIFIED. Plaintiff  
SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION.

## VI. Relief:

State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Cite no cases or statutes.

1. To be rewarded punitive damages in the amount of Five Million (5,000,000<sup>00</sup>) dollars
2. To be compensated in the amount of One million (1,000,000) dollars
3. For Federal indictments imposed upon Defendants

## CERTIFICATION

By signing this Complaint, I certify that the facts stated in this Complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that if this certification is not correct, I may be subject to sanctions by the Court.

Signed this 14 day of August, 2008

LC Johnson

(Signature of plaintiff or plaintiffs)

LC Johnson

(Print name)

N92369

(I.D. Number)

Hill Correctional Center

PO Box 1700

Galesburg, IL 61402-1700

(Address)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

LC Johnson

VS.

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AMERICA Volume V



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DISCIPLINARY REPORT

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☒ Disciplinary Report 5-22-07 ☐ Investigative Report                       
 Date Date  
 Committed Person: Tobias No. 292369 Facility: St. Louisville WAC  
 Observation Date: 5-22-07 Time: 9<sup>00</sup> Location: W 111  
LC Phil J. Michael                      5-22-07 10<sup>00</sup>  
 PRINT Employee's Name Employee's Signature/Date/Time

Offense: § 403 disobeying a direct order  
 Observation: On the above date and approximate time I  
gave inmate Tobias N 92369 a direct order to leave  
his hair cut. He refused. Tobias was identified by OPI  
and his name Tobias and was then taken to seg.

Witnesses, if any:                     

NOTE: Use continuation page if necessary to describe observation and/or list witnesses.

☒ Temporary Confinement ☐ Investigative Status Reason: Nature of Report  
S. Nance                                            
 PRINT Name Shift Supervisor's Signature and Date  
 (For Community Correctional Centers, Chief Agent, OIL)

☐ Confinement Reviewed by Reviewing Officer Comment:                       
                                           
 PRINT Name Signature/Date  
☒ MAJOR, submitted to Adjustment Committee ☐ MINOR, submitted to Program Unit  
                                           
 PRINT Name Reviewing Officer's Signature and Date  
☒ Reviewed by Hearing Officer (Adult Correctional Center Reports Only) A. E. Meier 5-22-07  
 PRINT Name Signature and Date

## PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO ALL HEARINGS ON INVESTIGATIVE AND DISCIPLINARY REPORTS

You have the right to appear and present a written or oral statement or explanation concerning the charges. You may present relevant physical material such as records or documents.

## PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINARY REPORTS

You may ask that witnesses be interviewed and, if necessary, they may be called to testify during your hearing. You may ask that witnesses be questioned during the hearing. You must indicate in advance of the hearing the witnesses you wish to have interviewed and specify what they could testify to by filling out the appropriate space on this form, hearing it off, and returning it to the Adjustment Committee. You may have staff assistance if you are unable to prepare a defense. You may request a reasonable extension of time to prepare for your hearing. If you are found guilty of a serious rule violation, you may be placed in confinement and/or lose privileges, and/or be required to make restitution. In addition, juveniles may receive a delay in recommended parole.

Committed Person's Signature and Number                      Committed Person Refused to Sign ☒  
A. E. Meier                      5-22-07 1<sup>00</sup>pm  
 PRINT Serving Employee's Name Serving Employee's Signature Date and Time Served

I hereby agree to waive 24-hour notice of charges prior to the disciplinary hearing.

Offense Date:                      Committed Person's Signature and Number                       
 (DETACH AND RETURN TO THE ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE OR PROGRAM UNIT PRIOR TO THE HEARING)

I would like the Adjustment Committee or Program Unit to consider calling the following witnesses regarding disciplinary report of                      Date                     NAME OF WITNESS:                      Number/Cell/Title:                     Witness can testify to:                     NAME OF WITNESS:                      Number/Cell/Title:                     Witness can testify to:



ALCOHOL SENSITIVE  
6362237 JOHNSON/L.C., #923  
05/28/07 05/28/07 05/28/07

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DISCIPLINARY REPORT

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☒ Disciplinary Report 5-24-07 ☐ Investigative Report                     

Committed Person: Johnson, L.C. No. N92369 Facility:                     

Observation Date: 5-24-07 Time: 705 Location: NRC Unit A 308

S. Vance 2518 S. Vance 5/24/07 7:25  
PRINT Employee's Name Employee's Signature/Date/Time

Offense: 403 Disobeying a Direct Order

Observation: On the above and approx. time, this Lt. Kyle Inmate Johnson N92369 a direct order. Inmate Johnson N92369 was given a direct order to cut his hair. Inmate Johnson was given a second direct order to cut his hair. This is the second time Inmate Johnson was given a chance to cut his hair. This is in accordance with A.D. 05.03.160. Inmate Johnson was I.D. by state issued ID card.

Witnesses, if any: Ch. N. Bragg

NOTE: Use continuation page if necessary to describe observation and/or list witnesses.

☐ Temporary Confinement ☐ Investigative Status Reasons:                     

PRINT Name Shift Supervisor's Signature and Date  
(For Community Correctional Centers, Chief Adm. Off.)

☐ Confinement Reviewed by Reviewing Officer Comment:                     

PRINT Name Signature/Date

☒ MAJOR, submitted to Adjustment Committee ☐ MINOR, submitted to Program Unit

M. H. H. 5-24-07  
PRINT Name Reviewing Officer's Signature and Date

☒ Reviewed by Hearing Investigator: A. I. Meier 5-24-07  
(Adult Division Major Reports Only) PRINT Name Signature and Date

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You have the right to appear and present a written or oral statement or explanation concerning the charges. You may present relevant physical material such as records or documents.

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Committed Person's Signature and Number A. I. Meier 5-24-07 73  
PRINT Serving Employee's Name A. I. Meier Serving Employee's Signature Date and Time Served

I hereby agree to waive 24-hour notice of charges prior to the disciplinary hearing.

Offense Date:                      Committed Person's Signature and Number                     

(DETACH AND RETURN TO THE ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE OR PROGRAM UNIT PRIOR TO THE HEARING)

I would like the Adjustment Committee or Program Unit to consider calling the following witnesses regarding disciplinary report of                      Date                     

NAME OF WITNESS:                      Number/Cell/Title:                     

Witness can testify to:                     

NAME OF WITNESS:                      Number/Cell/Title:                     

Witness can testify to:

Date: <b>5-25-07</b>	Committed Person: (Please Print) <b>L C Johnson</b>	ID# <b>N92369</b>
Present Facility:	Facility where grievance issue occurred: <b>Stateville N.R.C.C.</b>	
<b>NATURE OF GRIEVANCE:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of Good Time
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Conduct	<input type="checkbox"/> Dietary	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Transfer Coordinator	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary Report: <b>5/22/07</b>	<b>Stateville N.R.C.C.</b>	
Date of Report	Facility where issued	
Note: Protective Custody Denials may be grieved immediately via the local administration on the protective custody status notification.		
Complete: Attach a copy of any pertinent document (such as a Disciplinary Report, Shakedown Record, etc.) and send to: Counselor, unless the issue involves discipline, is deemed an emergency, or is subject to direct review by the Administrative Review Board. Grievance Officer, only if the issue involves discipline at the present facility or issue not resolved by Counselor. Chief Administrative Officer, only if EMERGENCY grievance. Administrative Review Board, only if the issue involves transfer denial by the Transfer Coordinator, protective custody, involuntary administration of psychotropic drugs, issues from another facility except personal property issues, or issues not resolved by the Chief Administrative Officer.		
Brief Summary of Grievance: <b>ON 5-22-07 At 900AM L.T. Philip J Michel came to my cell AND ASK did someone talk to me about my hair. I told him yes the Superintendent, and I explain it was part of my religion Rastafarian. L.T. Philip J Michel said I'm giving you a direct order to cut your hair. I told him it was a vow between me and God he said well your going to Seg. He Violated my(1<sup>st</sup>) Amendment which State, Congress shall make no law respecting AN over</b>		
Relief Requested: <b>Disciplinary action taken on the Superintendent and L.T. Philip J Michel. And for me to be transferred soon as possible.</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check only if this is an EMERGENCY grievance due to a substantial risk of imminent personal injury or other serious or irreparable harm to self.		
<b>LC Johnson</b>		<b>N92369</b>
Committed Person's Signature		Date
(Continue on reverse side if necessary)		

<b>Counselor's Response (if applicable)</b>	
Date Received: <b>6, 6, 07</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Send directly to Grievance Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Outside jurisdiction of this facility. Send to Administrative Review Board, P.O. Box 19277, Springfield, IL 62794-9277
Response: <b>IDOC is not mandated to transfer all NRC inmates within 70 days. IDOC has the right to enforce rules and regulations relating to safety.</b>	
<b>David Mansfield, CC1</b>	<b>David Mansfield, CC1</b>
Print Counselor's Name	Counselor's Signature
	<b>6, 6, 07</b>
	Date of Response

<b>EMERGENCY REVIEW</b>	
Date Received: <b>6, 6, 07</b>	Is this determined to be of an emergency nature? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes; expedite emergency grievance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No; an emergency is not substantiated. Committed person should submit this grievance in the normal manner.
<b>W. m. C. C.</b>	
Chief Administrative Officer's Signature	Date
	<b>6, 6, 07</b>

Establishment of religion or prohibiting the Free exercise thereof; or Abridging the Freedom of Speech, or of the press or the right of the people peaceably to Assemble And to petition the Government For a redress of grievance. It State in the NRC Orientation manual I would be transferred in 7 to 10 days they the Superintendent kept me here in NRC more days then I should have been. LOCK down for 24 hour a day for the last 25 days And then try and force and option to cut my hair or go to seg and lose the chance to be transferred to a Facility. That violate my (8<sup>th</sup>) Amendment which State; Excessive bail shall not be imposed nor excessive fine be imposed nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted. It State Nowhere in the Orientation manual about cutting my hair. My hair is Clean, I have no head lites or sores. NRC have a K-9 unit if I had drugs the K-9 should with no doubt be able to sniff them out. I ~~feel~~ Feel NRC Administration has shown Prejustice toward the Rastafarian Religion and Culture. While I was writing this grievance <sup>sup</sup> Stop at my Segregation Cell and said he will be back to cut my hair First thing After the holiday with some guys in orange jumpsuits has threatening + using bully tactics which violate my (14<sup>th</sup>) Amendment; All person born or Naturalized in the United State And Subject to the jurisdiction thereof are Citizens of the United State And of the State where in they reside. No State shall make or Enforce Any law which shall ~~make~~ Abridge the privileges or immunities of Citizens of the United State; Nor shall Any State deprive Any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; Nor deny to Any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

## REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONSDate: 5/29 20 07Name (print): L.C. Johnson I.D. No. N92369Housing Unit: RA108Please pay to: Charles McKinleyAddress: 11415 S. INDIANACity: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60627

The sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents

and charge to my account, for \_\_\_\_\_

☐ APPROVED☐ NOT APPROVED

Inmate Signature

ID No.

Assistant Warden/Superintendent/Designee

Witness

## REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

Postage requested in the amount of 4 dollars 54 cents☐ Postage Paid

DC 828 (09/91)

8660

## REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

I hereby request and authorize payment of postage for the attached mail.

X LC Johnson  
Inmate Signature  
ID No. N92369

## FOR TRUST FUND USE ONLY

Trust Fund Balance \$ 4.51Less amount of payment \$ 4.51

Current balance after payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Business Office

## FOR JUVENILE DIVISION USE ONLY

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Staff) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Youth) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

IL 426-0207



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**Corrections**

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Governor

**Roger E. Walker, Jr.**  
Director

Stateville Correctional Center / Rt. 53 / P.O. Box 112 / Joliet, IL 60434 / Telephone: (815) 727-3607 / TDD: (800) 526-0844

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 6-1-07

TO: Johnson N92369

FROM: T. Garcia, Corr. Couns. II  
Grievance Office

SUBJECT: ATTACHED GRIEVANCE

The attached grievance is being returned for the following reason:

\_\_\_\_\_ It needs to be rewritten and submitted to your counselor on the attached Committed Person's Grievance Report.

\_\_\_\_\_ It was not filed within 60 days of discovery of the incident, occurrence, or problem which gives rise to the grievance as required in DR 504F, Grievance Procedures for Committed Persons.

X Issue needs to be discussed with your counselor for possible resolution.

\_\_\_\_\_ No issue outlined in grievance.

\_\_\_\_\_ It appears that no attempt has been made to resolve the issue as required by DR 504F.

\_\_\_\_\_ Issue is currently being reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Issue previously addressed. No justification for further action.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Forward to Administrative Review Board

cc: file

NAME Johnson NO. N92369 CELL RA-108.

**A,B,C,D,E,F,H,I,P,S,T,W**

The grievance office has your grievance  
so I can't copy it.

**David Mansfield,  
Counselor**





Date: <b>7-20-07</b>	Committed Person: <b>L.C. Johnson</b>	ID#: <b>N92369</b>
Present Facility: <b>McNARD</b>	Facility where grievance issue occurred: <b>Stateville NRC</b>	

**NATURE OF GRIEVANCE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of Good Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Conduct	<input type="checkbox"/> Dietary	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Denial by Transfer Coordinator		

☒ Disciplinary Report: **5/22/07** **Stateville NRC**  
Date of Report Facility where issued

**Note:** Protective Custody Denials may be grieved immediately via the local administration on the protective custody status notification.

**Complete:** Attach a copy of any pertinent document (such as a Disciplinary Report, Shakedown Record, etc.) and send to:  
 Counselor, unless the issue involves discipline, is deemed an emergency, or is subject to direct review by the Administrative Review Board.  
 Grievance Officer, only if the issue involves discipline at the present facility or issue not resolved by Counselor.  
 Chief Administrative Officer, only if EMERGENCY grievance.  
 Administrative Review Board, only if the issue involves transfer denial by the Transfer Coordinator, protective custody, involuntary administration of psychotropic drugs, issues from another facility except personal property issues, or issues not resolved by the Chief Administrative Officer.

**Brief Summary of Grievance:** ON MAY 29 WARDEN WRIGHT AND SUPERINTENDANT MARK HOSEY CAME TO MY SEGERGATION CELL AND THREATEN ME. I'M A RASTAFARIAN, MY DREADLOCKS IS A VOW BETWEEN ME AND GOD. I WAS TOLD BY MARK HOSEY ARE YOU GOING TO GET YOUR HAIR CUT, I STATED ITS A RELIGIOUS PRACTICE HE SAID YOU GOT 10 MINUTES AND THEN HE WOULD CALL A TACTICAL TEAM IN AN USE FORCE. I HAVE ASTHMA AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE I PRACTICE PEACE AND LOVE. I HAD A CELLMATE NAME ELIE BERNAL #R60980 HIS HAIR WAS TO HIS WAIST

**Relief Requested:** be release from Seg  
I want Justice for All Dreadlocks

☐ Check only if this is an EMERGENCY grievance due to a substantial risk of imminent personal injury or other serious or irreparable harm to self.

Committed Person's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Continue on reverse side if necessary)

<b>Counselor's Response (if applicable)</b>	
Date Received: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Send directly to Grievance Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Outside jurisdiction of this facility. Send to Administrative Review Board, P.O. Box 19277, Springfield, IL 62794-9277
Response: _____ _____ _____ _____	
Print Counselor's Name _____	Counselor's Signature _____ Date of Response _____

<b>EMERGENCY REVIEW</b>	
Date Received: _____	Is this determined to be of an emergency nature? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes; expedite emergency grievance <input type="checkbox"/> No; an emergency is not substantiated. Committed person should submit this grievance in the normal manner.
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>JUL 26 2007</b> </div>	
Chief Administrative Officer's Signature _____	Date _____



he wasn't put in Seg he wasn't ASK to cut his hair. Rastafarian are the only ones being deprive of spiritual growth. If we have to cut out hair everybody else should have to. The Administration shows prejudice to Rastafarian. I ASK Counselor David Mansfield in Stateville NRC to ~~help~~ help me, I sent several request to him to send me a Grievance form so I could appeal he never answer. I never got a Summary, they transfer me to Menard because I refuse to cut my locks AND they gave me six month Seg for disobeying a direct order it only carry 3 months. They cut my hair in handcuff



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

Requestor should fill out the REQUEST portion (the top half) and sign the Requestor's Signature block. Send copies 1 and 2 to the Agency. Keep the 3rd copy for reference. Send no money at this time. Unless notified otherwise the Agency's response for APPROVED, DENIED or DEFERRED will be sent back within 7 working days after receipt of the form.

Name of Agency Stateville NRC		City Joliet
Address PO Box 112		
Requestor's Name (Or business name if applicable) L C Johnson N92369		Date of Request 12-17-07
Street Address PO Box 112 Stateville CC		Phone Number
City Joliet	State IL	Zip 60434
CERTIFICATION REQUESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Requestor's Signature L C Johnson N92369		

## DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS REQUESTED:

I L C JOHNSON recieved two ticket MAY 22 07 AND MAY 24-07 would like A copy of the SUMMARY

☐ REQUESTING COPIES☐ TO INSPECT RECORDS

## AGENCY RESPONSE (REQUESTOR DOES NOT FILL IN BELOW THIS LINE)

APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> The documents requested are enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> The documents will be made available upon payment of copying costs ..... \$ ..... <input type="checkbox"/> You may inspect the records at ..... on the date of .....	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The request creates an undue burden on the public body in accordance with Section 3(f) of the Freedom of Information Act, and we are unable to negotiate a more reasonable request. <input type="checkbox"/> The materials requested are exempt under Section 7 ..... of the Freedom of Information Act for the following reasons:	
DENIED	INDIVIDUAL(S) THAT DETERMINED REQUEST TO BE DENIED ..... .....	RIGHT TO APPEAL If desired, submit the attached APPEAL form (No. 2) along with copies of this original REQUEST and DENIAL and reasons for appeal to:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Request delayed, for the following reasons (in accordance with 3(d) of the FOIA): You will be notified by the date of ..... as to action taken on your request.	
DEFERRED	The information required by this form is MANDATORY in order to comply with P.A. 83-1013. Failure to so provide may result in this form not being processed. This form is approved by the Forms Management Center.	
	FOIA Officer	Date of Reply

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LEGEND FOR REQUESTOR: 1st copy (white) - send to Agency; 2nd copy (canary) - send to Agency; 3rd copy (pink) - Requestor's copy

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
 COUNTY OF Knox )

AFFIDAVIT

I, Adama Njie #R11748 do hereby declare and affirm that the following information within this affidavit is true and correct in substance and in facts:

I am a Rastafarian with Dreadlocks I was in Stateville Correctional Center from April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. I was transfer to Hill Correctional Center with my dreadlocks. When the bus from Stateville Correctional Center got to Logan Correctional Center we was put in another bus from Illinois<sup>River</sup> Correctional Center <sup>bus driver</sup> make some racist comment toward me saying who let me on the bus with my dreadlocks but his lieutenant told him he was gonna let Galesburg Correctional Center deal with me having dreadlocks.

Pursuant to 28 USC 1746, 18 USC 1621 or 735 ILCS 5/1-109, I declare, under penalty of perjury, that everything contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do declare and affirm that the matter at hand is not taken either frivolously or maliciously and that I believe the foregoing matter is taken in good faith.

Signed on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of may, 2008.

Adama Njie

Affiant

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
 COUNTY OF KNOX )

AFFIDAVIT

I, Termaine Walker B-52757 do hereby declare and affirm that the following information within this affidavit is true and correct in substance and in facts:

First and foremost, I and (L.C. JOHNSON N9236A) were deliberately deprived of our protected Civil Rights of the U.S. Constitution.  
On May 22, 2007, I was segregated, for I was exercising my RASTAFARIAN belief by refusing to cut my complied dreadlocks. On May 24, 2007, I was issued another disciplinary report by (LT. NANCE).  
On May 29, 2007, Warden WRIGHT, LT. YOUNG, and Supt. ROSEY, no reason at all used intimidation of threats and forcibly cut my dreadlocks without any due process or hearing. On May 30, 2007, I was given an improper and defective hearing by two regular officials, and my dreadlocks were demolished the day before. As a result, I immediately filed a complaint @ ILND (Walker v. McCANN 08 C 3083)

Pursuant to 28 USC 1746, 18 USC 1621 or 735 ILCS 5/1-109, I declare, under penalty of perjury, that everything contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do declare and affirm that the matter at hand is not taken either frivolously or maliciously and that I believe the foregoing matter is taken in good faith.

Signed on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2008.

Termaine Walker B-52757  
 Affiant



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### The Lost-Found Nation Of Islam In The West: The Black Muslims

Pigeonholed in the 1960s as a fanatical anti-white separatist movement, the Black Muslims became, in the 1970s, a major economic and educational force in America's black community.

The Muslims are a religious organization in the sense that they worship a supreme being. (There is no God but Allah. Muhammad is His Apostle.) In addition, many of their admonitions and disciplines can be likened to the puritanism of some religious groups. Followers are expected to abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and cosmetics. Children are educated in sect-oriented schools.

After the assassination of Malcolm X, the Muslim organization was saddled with the reputation of being a fierce and fanatic hate group, fearlessly self-righteous and ready to seek vengeance and retribution for alleged wrongdoing. Since then, however, the fiery rhetoric of Elijah Muhammad has cooled, and the Messenger has displayed a keen interest in developing the Nation's economic self-sufficiency. Muslim's economic holdings extend throughout the United States and beyond, to the Caribbean and Central America.

In Chicago, where the Muslims are headquartered, The Nation manages publishing, trucking, egg, meat, baking, retailing, restaurant, and apparel manufacturing operations. Muslims also own modern cattle, dairy, poultry, and produce farms in Alabama, Georgia, and Michigan, having survived, in 1970, the poisoning of much of its Alabama herd. Value of the Nation's holdings is estimated at about \$60 million.

Starting in the early 1970s, the Nation started to alter its membership base, expanding its appeal from prisons and ghetto streets to the black middle class. Much of the reason for this was the need for professional specialists to man its growing economic ventures. However, the Muslims still reject membership and offers of help from whites, even white governments. The Nation has refused help from the United States government but has borrowed \$3 million from Libya to finance purchase of a temple in Chicago.

The Muslims also operate some 50 schools and colleges, from which whites are also excluded. The Muslim schools have an excellent reputation and frequently surpass public school systems in academic achievement.

#### Rastafarians

Rastafarians, who wear their hair in matted "dreadlocks" and smoke marijuana as part of their faith, have grown in

popularity in the United States and Britain since the sect was born in Jamaica in the 1930s. Members of the religion regard Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, who died in 1975, as God.

Marcus Garvey, a Jamaican-born nationalist who advocated a back-to-Africa movement in the United States in the early 1920s, is also a central figure in the faith. Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association in Harlem in the 1920s with the message that "Africa was for the Africans" and urged blacks to look back to the motherland, where a black King would be crowned soon. He was deported to Jamaica in 1927.

In 1930, Lij Ras Tafari Makonnen ascended to the throne of Ethiopia and took the titles of His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I, Power of the Holy Trinity, 225th Emperor of the 3,000 year-old Ethiopian Empire, Elect of God, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Heir to the Throne of Solomon, and Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Rastafarians hailed him as Jah, the living God on earth.

Today, Rastas differ on specific dogma, but they basically believe they are descended from black Hebrews exiled in Babylon and therefore are true Israelites. They also believe that Haile Selassie is the direct descendent of Solomon and Sheba, and that God is black.

Most white men, they believe, have been worshipping a dead god and have attempted to teach the blacks to do likewise. They believe the Bible was distorted by King James I and that the black race sinned and was punished by God with slavery. They view Ethiopia as Zion, the Western world as Babylon, and believe that one day they will return to Zion. They preach love, peace, and reconciliation between races but warn that Armageddon is now.

Rastas don't vote, tend to be vegetarians, abhor alcohol, and wear their hair in long, uncombed plaits called dreadlocks. The hair is never cut, since it is part of the spirit, nor is it ever combed.

They never use the word "last" because it expresses retrogression and a Rastaman can only go forward. Marijuana is the holy herb, regarded as a sacramental gift, and the Bible is quoted as proof of this: "And thou shalt eat the herb of the field" (Gen. 3:18).

The movement in America grew rapidly in the fifties and sixties, and accelerated with the emergence of reggae musician Bob Marley, the first Rastafarian to become a pop superstar, and the 1966 visit of Selassie to Jamaica. Selassie died in 1975 and Marley died in 1981.

There are an estimated 50,000 Rastas in Britain and almost a million in the United States, approximately 80,000 of whom live in New York City, mainly in Brooklyn where there is a high concentration of West Indians and Haitians.